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Arizona House of Representatives

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GPLET Reform Bill Overwhelmingly Passes House

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The House of Representatives today overwhelmingly voted 50-9 to pass <u>HB 2213</u>, a bill sponsored by Representative Vince Leach (R-11) that closes several loopholes related to the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET), reducing the length of GPLETs from 25 years to 8 years.

GPLET is levied in lieu of property taxes when governments lease publicly-owned property to private businesses. When local governments property tax incentives like GPLET to developers, it deprives school districts of tax revenue. State taxpayers are forced to make up the difference through elevated payments to those school districts.

"I applaud my colleagues for voting for this historic bipartisan piece of legislation that will close loopholes and provide funding much faster to where it is desperately needed, K-12 education," said Representative Leach. "This legislation ensures that schools receive their fair share of funding sooner than the existing law, making it a win for education."

"The marketplace is where winners and losers should be determined and the passage of this bill reflects the importance Arizonans place on this principle," said Representative Leach.

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